

# Community Engagement Programme With Impact

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**WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER** – Efforts in giving service in the aspect of education and social among rural communities becomes an important agenda for Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS).

According to UMS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Datuk Dr. Mohd. Harun Abdullah, Ministry of Education (MoE) had ordered every Higher Learning Institution (IPTA) to conduct activities with impact with the community known as the University Community Engagement programme (UCE).

“This UCE activity is a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for all IPTA in Malaysia. By conducting such activities, the university can fulfill its corporate social responsibility,” he said during the opening ceremony of the Community Engagement Programme and Co-curriculum Carnival at Kampung Sg. Daling, Sandakan, recently.

His speech was read by the Director of Co-curriculum and Student Development Centre (PKPP) UMS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raman Noordin.

Datuk Harun added that community programmes such as this should be ongoing to ensure UMS students were included in contributing to rural communities.

“I hope the Co-curriculum and Student Development Centre UMS will continue to plan and implement such programme in efforts to establish and have students engaged in community programmes,” he added.

The three-day programme was filled with motivational activities, cleaning of the mosque, ‘anak angkat’ programme, repair of kindergarten and cultural activities participated by a total of 200 UMS students from Kota Kinabalu main campus and the Faculty of Sustainable Agriculture, Sandakan.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Member of Parliament P.184 Libaran, Datuk Juslie Ajirol representing the Chief Minister of Sabah, Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman. – *CD (fl)*

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